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## Youth stabbed in head, man being held for attempted murder

A Hoopeston youth is hospitalized and a man charged with attempted murder following a stabbing incident Thursday morning.

The 16-year-old, whose name is being withheld by police, was stabbed in the head with a kitchen knife, said Hoopeston Police chief Carl Valentine.

He was in serious condition Thursday at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

Arrested in the incident was Robert S. Akers, 19, of 607 W. Washington.

Akers faces preliminary charges of attempted murder, aggravated battery and unlawful use of a weapon.

Police were called to Akers' home at 1:48 a.m. Thursday for a report of a fight.

According to police reports, when officers arrived, the 16-year-old had already been taken to Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital.

## Two remain hospitalized after Wednesday night accident

Two Hoopeston men remained hospitalized Thursday following an accident Wednesday night.

Tony Barker, 19, of Hoopeston, was listed in fair condition at United Samaritans Medical Center, Danville.

A.J. Garrison, also of Hoopeston, was taken to Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, Ind.

A spokesperson there said Garrison underwent surgery Thursday morning and was doing well.

Both suffered broken legs in the accident, at 5:43 p.m. on county road 1550 East at 3800 North, said Capt. Bob Cannon of the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department.

The men were on a four-wheel all terrain vehicle that collided with a car driven by Austin E. Dale, 17, of

**See ACCIDENT on other side**

The stabbing followed an "on-going argument" that started between the two after Akers and the youth had been drinking, Valentine said. Four to five people were at the house at the time of the incident, he said.

A second arrest was made stemming from the incident.

Mark A. Hewitt, 27, of #210 Centennial Manor, was arrested at 11:25 a.m. Thursday in connection with the incident.

Hewitt faces three preliminary counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor for buying alcohol for Akers and the 16-year-old, Valentine said.

Hewitt was released on bond.

Akers was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville awaiting arraignment.

The youngster's name is not being released and further charges may be filed in the case pending further

## Briefly

### Tiny Tots

Tiny Tots story hour will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. The program is open to children ages 1 to 4 who are accompanied by an adult.


### Save those milk jugs

Residents are reminded to save plastic one-gallon milk jugs to use for luminaria during the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce Christmas Open House Nov. 22. Jugs should be rinsed and may be taken to downtown merchants.

### Sports memorabilia auction

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Wellington, Cannon said.

Dale, as well as two passengers, Joshua Edwards and Chad R. Johnson, both of Hoopeston, were not seriously injured, he said.

**Stefanie Cornelius**, 705 S. Market, reported Wednesday that someone took a Murray 20-inch bicycle from her porch.

**Kenneth Dale**, 219 W. Maple, reported Wednesday that someone put a substance in his gas tank, damaging

**WATSON** - Leota Watson, 79, of Hoopesotn, died at 2 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, 1997, at Hoopesotn Community Nursing Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Wolfe Funeral Home, Potomac. Burial will be in Potomac Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

**Hoopeston Area grade schools**

**MONDAY:** No school, milk. Columbus Day.

**TUESDAY:** Chicken patty/bun, oven tator tots, cheese, slaw, peaches, milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Taco/shell, lettuce, tomato, cheese, fruit cocktail, graham cracker, milk.

**THURSDAY:** Ham & cheese/bun, oven tri tator, veggie sticks, pineapple, milk.

**FRIDAY:** Ravioli/meat sauce, corn, cheese, salad, bread, margarine, pears, milk.

**Hoopeston Area Middle/High School**

MONDAY: No school, milk. Columbus Day.  
TUESDAY: Chicken patty/bun or turkey/bun, oven tator tots, cheese, slaw, peaches, milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Taco/shell or BBQ/bun, salad, cheese, fruit cocktail, cookie, milk.  
THURSDAY: Ham & cheese/bun or hamburger/bun, oven tri tator, macaroni salad, pineapple, milk.  
FRIDAY: Ravioli/meat sauce or chicken patty/bun, corn, cheese, salad, bread, margarine, pears, milk.

## Rossville-Alvin schools

MONDAY: Chili, cheese, Fritos, chilled fruit, Rice Krispie treat, milk.

TUESDAY: Corn dog, macaroni & cheese, seasoned

Dale was ticketed for failure to reduce speed.

Charges are also pending against the driver of the other vehicle, Cannon said, adding police received conflicting reports concerning who was at the wheel of

The Hoopes Fire Department was called at 2:15 a.m. Thursday to a clothes dryer on fire at 625 E. McCracken. Firemen remained on the scene for approximately 30 minutes.

No injuries were reported.

The department was called at 11:09 a.m. Thursday to a fire in a trailer at North Eighth Ave.

**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
**Oct. 8, 1997**

**Admitted:** Bessie Wonderlin, Hoopeston.

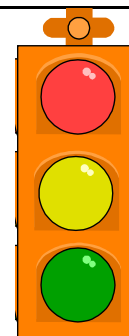
**Discharged:** Timothy Watson, Hoopeston.

Sunny today. High 75. Tonight, cloudy. Low 47. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High near 78, low near 55. Sunday, continued chance of showers. High near 80, low near 65.

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